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**Attention: Commissioner for Patents****Please find attached Re: 09/721,353**

- > TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT**
- > AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PTO OFFICE COMMUNICATION OF 7-12-04**

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PATENT  
Docket No. PD-200187  
CUSTOMER NO.: 020991

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Derek P. Footer  
 Serial No.: 09/721,353  
 Filed: November 21, 2000  
 For: HYBRID SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Date: October 8, 2004  
 Group Art Unit: 2661  
 Examiner: Vanderpuye, Kenneth N.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

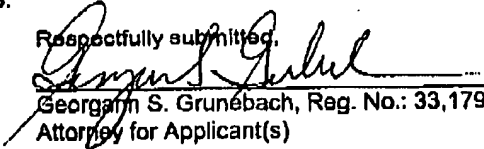
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
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	AFTER AMENDMENT		PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA		RATE	FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	minus	36	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$ -0-	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	minus	6	=	0	x	\$ 88.00	\$ -0-	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						+	\$ 300.00	\$ -0-	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$ -0-	

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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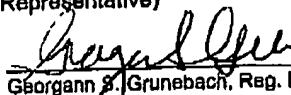
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For : **HYBRID SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS  
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Examiner : VANDERPUYE, K.  
Art Unit : 2661  
Our File No. : PD-200157

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.